

Can I Take Pre-Admission Content Tests (PACT)?

Policy updates effective March 7, 2013, allow individuals who have never been admitted to an Educator Preparation Program (EPP) to take Pre-Admission Content Tests (PACT) to demonstrate content proficiency for possible admission into an EPP in Texas. **Taking PACT does not ensure admittance into a program.** EPPs may have additional admission requirements. Answer the questions below to see if you qualify to take PACT.

- 1. Do You Already Have a Bachelor’s Degree or higher from an Accredited College or University or are you scheduled to receive a bachelor’s degree before being placed in a classroom?** (See a list of accredited colleges and universities at [http://ope.ed.gov/accreditation/.](http://ope.ed.gov/accreditation/))

YES
Continue to question 2.

NO
You cannot take PACT.

- 2. Have You Ever Been Admitted to an Educator Preparation Program?**

NO
Continue to question 3.

YES
You cannot take PACT. Contact your program for more information.

- 3. Are You Seeking a Certification Other Than Classroom Teacher or a Certification with Specific Skill and Experience Requirements?**

NO
Continue to question 4.

YES
You cannot take PACT. You need EPP approval to test if you are seeking the following certifications: Educational Diagnostician, Health Science, Marketing, Principal, Reading Specialist, School Counselor, School Librarian, Superintendent and all of the Master Teacher certifications.

4. Do You Want to Take Pedagogy and Professional Responsibilities (PPR) Examinations?

NO
Continue to question 5.

YES
You cannot take PACT. You need EPP approval to take PPR examinations.

5. Are You a College/University Undergraduate Seeking Initial Teacher Certification?

NO
Continue to question 6.

YES
You cannot take PACT. You must be approved by your EPP for content area and PPR examinations. EPP approval must be given prior to registering for any certification examinations.

6. Do You Hold Acceptable Teaching Credentials in Another State, U.S. Territory, or Country?

NO
Continue to question 7.

YES
You cannot take PACT. You must have your credentials reviewed by TEA prior to registering for tests. Following a review of credentials, you will be informed of the required examinations for the certification areas you are seeking.

7. Do You Live Outside the State of Texas?

NO
Continue to question 8.

YES
<p>If you live outside the state of Texas but wish to take PACT for the purpose of entering an EPP in Texas, you can test under the PACT program.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• If you live in Arkansas, Louisiana, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Puerto Rico and Mexico, you can test under the TExES PACT program. Continue to question 8.• In all other areas, certain <i>Praxis</i>® Subject Assessments (formerly the <i>Praxis II</i>® tests) can be taken under the PACT program. For further information about taking <i>Praxis</i>™ tests under the PACT program, go to the <i>Praxis</i> website at www.ets.org/praxis and select Texas under "State Testing Requirements."

8. Do You Have a Social Security Number (SSN)?

YES
Continue to question 9.

NO
<p>Email EPPAdmin@ets.org and request that a PACT profile with a "P" SSN be created for you. You must include the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Your first name and last name exactly as they appear on the primary ID document(s) you will present at the test center• Date of birth• Address• Email address• Gender• Ethnicity <p>ETS staff will create a PACT "P" SSN profile for you and reply via email with instructions on how to register.</p>

9. Are You Ready to Register for PACT?

YES

You can register on the ETS TExES website at **www.texas.ets.org**.

- Click on "Register" at the top of the page.
- Read the explanation under "Online Registration System New Users."
- After you have read the explanation, click on "New User" at the bottom of the page.
- Select "no TEA ID>>" if you do not have an existing Educator Profile in the Texas Education Agency (TEA) system.
- Confirm your registration as a PACT participant by selecting "pre-admission content tests (PACT)>>"
- Enter personal information for a testing account to be created in the ETS TExES system as well as the TEA system. Certify graduation from an accredited college or university. (See the link provided if you are unsure of your college or university's accreditation.)
- Enter the requested supplemental information on the screen that follows.
- Create a username and password and enter a password reminder that can be used by a customer service representative if you forget your password.
- Because you are a PACT candidate, you do not need to create an Educator Profile on the TEA website in order to register for a test. The ETS online registration system will transfer the data you enter to the TEA system and give you a TEA ID number. Be sure to make a note of your TEA ID and Username.
- Select "Register for a test" if you are ready to do so.

Before the day of the test, you should read and be familiar with all policies and procedures in the *Registration Bulletin* for the test you are planning to take. *Registration Bulletins* can be downloaded from the ETS TExES website at **www.texas.ets.org**.

NO

When you are ready, check this document to make sure you are still eligible and follow the registration process in #9.